



Howard County SHIP
Local Help with Medicare — Free, Confidential and Unbiased

MEDICARE PRESENTATIONS

NEW TO MEDICARE?

Will you be enrolling in Medicare soon or helping someone who has Medicare ?
Attend our two-part introductory series to learn more.

Medicare 101 – What You Can Expect From Medicare: Learn about Medicare Part A (Hospital), Part B (Medical) and Part D (Prescription Drug). How does Original Medicare (sometimes called Traditional Medicare) work? What are the benefits? What is your share of the costs? When should you make decisions regarding your coverage? Hear about assistance programs that can help pay some of your Medicare costs.

Medicare 102 – Why Medicare Isn't Enough: Learn about Part C (Medicare Advantage), other Medicare Health Plans and Medicare Supplement Policies (Medigap Plans). What should you consider when deciding if a Medicare HMO, PPO or Cost Plan is the right choice for you? Understand how the different Medigap plans cover your portion of the costs of Original Medicare, how they are priced and when is the best time to enroll. Hear about how to protect yourself and Medicare from health care fraud.

DATES: 101 & 102	TIME	LOCATION— SEE REVERSE FOR ADDRESS	REGISTRATION
Sep 5 (W) & 17 (M)	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Wellness Center, Howard Cty General Hosp.	410-740-7601, hcgh.org
Oct 15 & 22 (M)	1:00 - 2:30 pm	North Laurel 50+ Center	410-313-7389
Jan 9 & 16 (W)	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Ellicott City 50+ Center	410-313-7389

ALREADY HAVE MEDICARE?

Have you had Medicare for a while but want to deepen your understanding of the different types of coverage available to you and what you should consider when comparing those options?

Medicare Refresher: Get a better understanding of the two paths to Medicare coverage (Original Medicare vs Medicare Advantage), including when you can make changes. Learn helpful hints on becoming a more active participant in your health care, along with key resources, assistance programs and how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud.

DATES:	TIME	LOCATION— SEE BELOW FOR ADDRESS	REGISTRATION
Sep 24 (M)	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Wellness Center, Howard Cty General Hosp.	410-740-7601, hcgh.org
Oct 23 (Tu)	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Wellness Center, Howard Cty General Hosp.	410-740-7601, hcgh.org

FOR EVERYONE

Using Medicare's Plan Finder: Learn how to use the 'Plan Finder' tool on the www.medicare.gov website, a powerful aid for comparing and reviewing the Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available to you. The 'Plan Finder' can also be used to compare Medicare health plans (such as HMOs, PPOs or Cost Plans) and while explaining the tool for that purpose is out of the scope of this presentation, you will learn many basics that are used for both types of comparisons. Note: If you are not familiar with the structure of Part D plans, please take "Understanding Medicare's Drug Coverage" presentation First.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION—SEE BELOW FOR ADDRESS	REGISTRATION
Sep 25 (Tu)	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Wellness Center, Howard Cty General Hosp.	410-740-7601, hcgh.org

To schedule an appointment (for Howard County residents) with a SHIP Counselor at a 50+ Center (Bain, Ellicott City, Glenwood or North Laurel) call

410-313-7392.

LOCATIONS

Bain 50+ Center	5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia	410-313-7213
Ellicott City 50+ Center	9401/9411 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City	410-313-1400
Elkridge 50+ Center	6540 Washington Blvd, Elkridge	410-313-5192
North Laurel 50+ Center	9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd, Laurel	410-313-0380
Wellness Center, HCGH	10710 Charter Dr, Suite 100, Columbia	410-740-7601

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To request a sign language interpreter or other accommodations to participate in these events, call 410-313-7391 (voice/relay) two weeks in advance.

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